(b) whether Government are also aware that two extremists were shot dead in encounter near Sringeri recently;

(c) the assistance provided to Karnataka to tackle naxalite problem;

(d) what are the causes for the naxal violence in Karnataka;

(e) whether Karnataka Government was ready for talks with the naxalites to resolve their problem; and

(f) if so, the assistance proposed to be provided by Government to Karnataka for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Available reports indicate that naxalities have been trying to expand their activity in some parts of Karnataka including those of Chikkamagalur district.

(b) Two naxalites were killed on 6.2.2005 in Chikkamagalur district in an encounter with the Karnataka Police.

(c) The Government has been advised to work out a suitable strategy to tackle the naxal problem in consultation with the other neighbouring naxal affected States. Central assistance is being provided to states to modernize their police forces.

(d) The CPML-PW and its front bodies are spreading their activities mainly on the issue of eviction of tribals from the Kudremukh National Park in Malenadu region.

(e) and (f) the Government of Karnataka is alive to the problem of naxalites spreading their activities to some parts of the State and has initiated suitable counter measures. The Central Government provides the necessary assistance to the naxal affected States wherever required.

Terrorist Operations from Bangladesh

220. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after Pakistan, Bangladesh is becoming a

breeding centre of terrorist organizations operating in India particularly in North Eastern States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the threat caused by Bangladesh generated terrorist organizations towards the national security is taking more serious turn in the recent few years; and

(c) if so, the steps to counter the same and to stop such generation of anti-India terrorists in Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Reports indicate that Indian Insurgent Groups (IIGs) have set up their training camps/hideouts/shelter in the territory of Bangladesh for subversive activities against the country. Bangladesh has also become a conduit for arms supply to North East IIGs. The Government has taken up India's security concerns with the Government of Bangladesh at various fora. Both the sides have agreed to work on security issues closely.

BADP Funds for Jammu and Kashmir

221. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to increase the BADP funds for militancy affected State, Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) how much amount, year-wise and block-wise, has ben used under this scheme from 2001 to 2005; and

(c) what criteria has been adopted to use the BADP funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No, Sir. It is however mentioned that consequent upon the announcement of a special package for J&K by the then Hon'ble Prime Minister on 23.5.2002, the allocation of funds under BADP in respect of Jammu & Kashmir have already been increased to Rs. 100.00 Crore per year from 2002-03 to 2004-05.